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New Zealand can boast of other things as remarkable as its labor laws that compel shopkeepers to close on every legal holiday and either Wednesday or Saturday afternoon, and fix the lowest wages that can be paid to any one at \$1.25 per week. For example, everybody is polite, extremely, almost painfully polite.

A train steams into the station at Wellington, the island's capital.

"Wellington, please," the conductor gently announces to his passengers. After thanking the conductor for getting them safely to their destination, the travellers disembark.

"This way to dinner, please," the station attendants politely sing.

The train makes ready to start. "Seats, please; but don't hurry," is the trainmen's admonition.

And the conductor waits five minutes after the gates are closed for everybody to get comfortably seated before whistling to the driver to start.

Even law-breakers are treated with unctuous consideration. The policeman carries neither club nor firearms with which to hurt any one's feelings. Whenever he finds himself compelled to make an arrest he almost begs the prisoner's pardon and invariably takes him to jail in a cab. There is no rough handling; even the prisoner is courteous.

The time lost in being ceremonious is made up by the New Zealander by word trimming. No one says "I'll make a memorandum of it;" it's always "I'll memo." "One pound sterling" is universally boiled down to "quid," and even Premier Seddon calls a shilling a "bob."

This cutting of words is carried to such an extreme that a stranger really needs the service of an interpreter the first week or two he is on the island. The right man for the traveller is trouble over the language or anything else to seek out is the postmaster.

New Zealand's postmasters come pretty near being the whole thing. They are registrars of births and deaths. They collect all taxes, municipal and governmental, and all customs and internal revenues.

They insure their fellow citizens in the Government's life insurance company, and receive their deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank of New Zealand, also a Government institution. This bank has 212,436 depositors, and the money deposited by them aggregates \$2,000,000. Over one-fourth of the island's population keeps its money in this institution.

But it is as a performer of wedding ceremonies that the New Zealand postmaster is most fondly regarded and most famous. There is neither fuss nor flurry in the ceremony that the postmaster performs; neither does it cost a penny.

A month beforehand the swain fills out a declaration of intention in the presence of a postmaster. At the expiration of thirty days he and his blushing bride seek out the official, in the presence of two witnesses, sign their names in a court register and to their own marriage certificate.

And that's all there is to it. Custom doesn't even demand that the bride shall let the postmaster kiss her.

The postmaster who holds the record for marriages is a maiden lady in an interior town. The lads and lasses of her district will have none of preachers, because it is a tradition that every marriage at which she officiates is a happy one.

New Zealand postmasters hold their jobs long enough for tradition and courtesy side saws to grow up around and about them. Once a New Zealand postmaster, always a postmaster, for only misconduct on his part can separate him from his life's job.

New Zealand's leading utility man is easily the postmaster; his closest competitor is the railroad station agent. As the Government owns the railroads, it demands of its agents that they attend to all the wants of the people that the postmaster can't conveniently look after.

Hence, when a farmer decides to sell poultry, he carts a few hundred fowls to town and turns them over to the station agent. The agent kills them and dresses them, freezes them, packs them in refrigerator cars, and sees them started on their way to Auckland, Wellington, Australia or London. The Government acts as the farmer's commission man, free, all the way through.

The government tries in every way to encourage the farmer. It will lend him money at low interest, and sell him rich land for a few dollars an acre. It even forbids the railroads to whistle at country road crossings, so that John Dobbins's easy-going mare won't get frightened and try to run away.

One governmental undertaking is the sanitarium and hospital at Rotorua, the island's chief health resort. It is for the benefit of all indigent persons throughout New Zealand. If a man has broken down under the strain of too much work, or has contracted a bad case of gout or rheumatism, and has not money to pay for treatment, the Government gives him three months of free treatment in the sanitarium, with free access to all the

mineral baths. If, at the end of three months the patient is still in bad shape he gets another three months' treatment.

The sanitarium has the island's foremost physicians at its head, a corps of graduated nurses and special clinical and surgical facilities.

The most famed of the baths of Rotorua is the Postmaster's Bath. Its reputation is that of reforming for all time the most confirmed toper who bathes in its all but scalding waters.

Every New Zealand community has its citizen who has been made a teetotaler by this spring. The fact is, there are not many drunkards seen in the islands and the patriotic New Zealander always declares and hauls out statistics to prove it, that less spirituous and malt liquors are consumed there than in any other part of the world.

Perhaps the Postmaster's Bath is to blame. Perhaps the Government's edict against bringing snakes into this snakeless land exerts an influence. If the Government arrests a circus owner who tries to slip in the creeping things for commercial profit, wouldn't it also nab a citizen bent on securing wrigglers and colliers for mere amusement's sake?

New Zealand's chief vice is horse race betting. A dyed-in-the-wool New Zealander would rather bet on a horse race than make love to the prettiest girl in sight; and the women with peach-blow complexions are plentiful.

Like the men, they are enthusiasts over fast horses and spend their holidays and all their spare time at the race courses, betting and shouting themselves into a state of hysteria. Everybody bets, for everybody, from babes in arms to tottering grandparents, thinks it's all right.

Another queer thing about New Zealanders is their honesty. Nobody tries to steal from you.

Hotel room doors are never locked; many have no locks. Hats, coats and valises are left around indiscriminately, and the owners always find their property where they put it.

Neither does the waiter, nor the bell-boy, nor the chambermaid hold up the traveler. They do everything asked of them, and do it cheerfully, without expecting tips. Tipping is a lost art there.

As there are no indoor robbers, neither are there many highway robbers, and the percentage of murders is very small.

A man with daughters in New Zealand is a political power, a big man in the district in which he resides. All women over 21 can vote, so the man with many daughters often decides a closely contested election.

Then again, women are much more sought after matrimonially, for they are outnumbered by the men two to one. There is no need for a woman's becoming an old maid in New Zealand except from choice.

This butt end of the earth has many natural wonders, among which is a geyser that started business only a few months ago, but, nevertheless, is said to be the largest in the world. Its name, Waimangu (the Black Water), is appropriate, for its water is certainly black. The geyser's steaming surface is about 200 by 350 feet. When it is in eruption the entire surface is lifted 1,000 feet into the air, and hot, black, scething mud and rocks are thrown about and great clouds of steam envelop everything. The periods of eruption usually last five hours and are very frequent.

This great geyser is near the heart of Maori land. Soon it will be the land of the Maoris no longer, for they are rapidly dying off.

They are now a peaceable people and are proud of the fact that one of their number, James Carroll, is a member of New Zealand's cabinet. The island's Premier, Richard John Seddon, has called this full-blooded Maori "the most gifted and eloquent orator in New Zealand." Mr. Carroll's tribesmen have generally adopted European dress, but the costumes of their forefathers still obtain.

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With all this, it is to be noted that the national debt of New Zealand amounts to \$320 per capita, more than four times as great as that of the United States, and is constantly increasing.

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